

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the examiner's review of the present application and indication of allowable subject matter, and request reconsideration in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-14 and 17 are pending in the present application.

The examiner has objected to claim 8 as being in improper form and failing to contain a status identifier. The enclosed amendment addresses these issues. The examiner next rejects claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to have clear antecedent basis for "said contact lens gripping means". This claim has been amended so as to overcome this objection.

The examiner has rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent number 6,739,636. The Examiner has also indicated allowance of dependent claim 18. Applicant has therefore amended claim 17 to include the subject matter of claim 18 and thus amended claim 17 should now be allowable.

The examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to show certain features recited in claims 15 and 16. Without admission that the specified elements were not previously shown in the

claims, claims 15 and 16 are canceled by the present amendment and therefore the drawing objection is believed to be moot.

Applicant appreciates the examiner's indication that claims 1-7, 9-13, 15 and 16 are allowed while claims 14 and 18 are objected to. Accordingly, given the enclosed amendments, all pending claims should now be in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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